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HERE'S ONE CHRISTMAS ARMISTICE— BETWEEN THE TWIDDLINGS AND US!

For weekly newspapers, today's issue is the Christmas edition and The Miner is mellowed by the occasion. We enter the season with humility.

For six years in Ashland, now and then, this little gem of journalism has possessed the temerity to scoff and scold our senior rival, the Daily Twiddlings, and the holiday would not be properly observed if we failed to make a confession:

We never really meant those jibes and jests, puns and pointed remarks we hurled at our competitor—they were nothing more than our bedside manner, as the doctors would say. The daily paper is steadily improving, is giving readers a surprisingly better service.

In acquiescence to the Christmas spirit we explain that The Miner really likes General George—we pick on him only because he makes it such fun.

Modernization of Highway 99 means more than just a phrase to Ashland. Being the southern port of entry, this community naturally will derive the benefits of reconstruction. Hence a good Ashland representation at the Oregon-Washington meeting in Portland next Friday will add considerable weight to the completed program's attainment. Medford will be on hand with a delegation of 15 persons; Grants Pass and Roseburg with a like number. It means a chance to reciprocate the interest shown in the recent dedication ceremonies here, and Ashland is not one to rest on her laurels.

THE TIME FOR DEEDS, NOT WORDS, IS HERE IF WE REALLY WANT TO HELP ENGLAND!

Folks who've been accusing Wall Street of getting the United States into World War No. 1 now are embarrassed. As history repeats itself they see at first hand just how it was that the people and not their leaders determined that we should enter the last war.

The pacifist of yesterday is the enthusiastic supporter of all possible aid to England today. The change in sentiment is keeping pace with change in the international picture. Americans are undergoing a mental evolution and the nation as a whole is revising previous Pollyannish notions about "keeping out of all foreign wars."

That is why today, when pleas for more material and financial aid are being made by the desperate but determined British, they fall on ears deeply sympathetic, and today Americans are awakening to the stark reality that the time is here when we must take sides—either actively with total aid for England or, by continued passiveness, with Germany. No longer can we have our cake and eat it too.

The issues are clear. The preponderant majority of Americans not only are sympathetic with England, but they are anxious that that sympathy be translated into powder and steel. We have reached the point where we are fighting mad and—what is more vital—we also have reached the point where if England is to be saved we must quit mouthing phrases and murmuring condolences and get the hell to work helping save her.

No longer is it a question of whether we choose to help England—rather is it a question of whether we will stem the force that will keep the British from helping us! If we wait much longer America is likely to find herself forfeiting to Germany the strength of the Empire, and THEN how we'd wish we had possessed the guts and the sense to shake off our self-satisfied lethargy and get busy at the job we knew was ahead.

Hitlerism is on the march. Americans do not like Hitlerism and they will fight to the death to keep it out of their homeland. Why, then, should we wait until it has cleared all obstacles to our very doorstep?

Just what is the United States waiting for, anyway—the bombing of OUR women and children? What are we, a nation of men . . . or Chamberlains?

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OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat



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Fruit Producers Fight To Retain American Market

Protection of American fruit growers against what they consider unfair competition from Canada and South America occupied major attention of the members of the Oregon Horticultural society in their annual meeting at Medford.

With war conditions having already cut off most of the export market for northwest apples and pears, Oregon growers pointed out in vigorous resolutions that they should not now have their markets further impaired by excessive shipments of apples from Canada and pears from Argentina.

As to Canadian apple shipments, the resolution adopted points out that more than 500,000 boxes of apples from British Columbia already have been sold in the United States, as compared with only 115,000 boxes last year. These imports served to depress the American market 25 to 50 cents a box, the growers held. The resolution asked that a quota of not to exceed 650,000 boxes for this season be established immediately, and that for next year a quota based on average importations of prior seasons be announced early.

As to pear importations from South America, it was pointed out that last year almost 300,000 boxes came into the New York market and that some 500,000 boxes may be expected early in 1941.

As this interferes with the policy of the government to help establish more domestic markets for American pears, the society asked that a reasonable limitation be placed on importations for the spring of 1941, which limitation shall not exceed the average of the quantities imported during the past three seasons.

The association commended the United States weather bureau for developing a five-day weather forecasting service and urged that arrangements be made for this to be broadcast over the state station KOAC. Research work of the experiment station was endorsed and request was made that a study be undertaken on control of the pear psylla in case it should reach Oregon districts.

E. A. McCornack of Eugene was elected president of the society; R. S. Hazeltine, Hood River, George B. Dean, Medford and Frank B. Harlow, Eugene, first, second and third vice presidents, respectively, and O. T. McWhorter, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

1940 To Set All-Time High in Motor Travel

The year 1940 will set an all-time high record for motor vehicle operation in this state, with travel during the first 11 months of the year exceeding that for the entire year of 1939 and with motor vehicle registration soaring close to the 400,000 mark for the first time in the history of the state, it was revealed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

In increased gasoline consumption, Oregon stands higher than the average for the Pacific coast states, national figures show. The average for the Pacific area for the first 10 months of 1940 showed an increase of 5.76 percent while Oregon's increase was eight percent.

Gasoline consumption for that period in Oregon totaled 220,222,439 gallons. At the rate of increase which has prevailed from month to month this year, it is estimated the November consumption will approximate 21,000,000 gallons which will take the total consumption for the 11 month period over the mark of 241,169,975 gallons which was the consumption for the entire year of 1939.

In 1939, Oregon stood third in the nation in number of vehicles registered per capita with one vehicle to every 3.3 persons. California led with one to every 2.7 persons while Nevada was second with one to every 3.1 persons. On the basis of the 1940 census and motor vehicle registration figures at the end of November this year, however, Oregon's per capita registration was one vehicle to every 2.7 persons.

Collegians Form New Activities Committee

An organization known as the Faculty-Student Activities Booster committee has been formed at the Southern Oregon College of Education.

The purpose of this organization is to coordinate school activities and promote a livelier public interest in these activities. Stephen Epler, dean of men, is chairman of this committee. Other faculty members taking part are Jean Eberhart, Otto Wilda, Lucie Landen, Virginia Hales, Forrest Robinson, Marshall Woodell and Dr. Redford. Student members include Tommy Hensler, Keith Palmerton, Betty Dano, Verne Johnston, Leslie Segsworth, Earl Schilling, Harry Pendleton and Evelyn Hudson.

Not Much Change In 1941 Rates As Approved By AAA

Rates for farm benefit payments under the AAA for 1941, which are again arranged so as to place more emphasis on soil conservation, have been approved by the secretary of agriculture and announced for the guidance of all local AAA officials throughout the country.

Rates of importance to Oregon are in some cases slightly lower than were announced a year ago, although they are on approximately the same level as actual payments this year. The previously announced rates were reduced slightly because of heavier participation in the program than anticipated, says Will Steen, state AAA committee chairman.

The national goal for soil depleting crops is announced as the same as this year, that is between 270,000,000 and 285,000,000 acres. The goal for wheat in 1941 is from 60,000,000 to 65,000,000 acres, also the same as this year. Actual plantings for 1940 harvest totaled 64,388,000 acres, as compared with a 10-year average from 1928 to 1937 of 69,310,000 acres.

The acreage goal for potatoes also is the same as this year at 3,100,000 to 3,300,000 acres. Acreage planted in 1940 totaled 3,122,000 acres, while the average harvested acreage for the 10 years ending in 1937 was 1,705,000 acres.

The wheat payment for wheat allotment farms has been set at 8 cents per bushel of the normal yield on each allotment. A deduction of 50 cents per bushel of the

normal yield will be made for each acre planted to wheat in excess of the wheat acreage allotment on each participating farm. No announcement has yet been made regarding the rate of wheat parity payments to be made in 1941.

The rate of payment for potatoes grown within the allotment is 2.3 cents a bushel, compared with 2.7 cents paid in 1940. Other rates of interest to Oregon are commercial vegetables, \$1.30 per acre compared with \$1.35 this year; and soil building allowance rates, which determine the amount of conservation payments to be earned, set at approximately the same levels as this year.

FRANK HUBERT CROWSON
Funeral services for Frank Hubert Crowson, 67, who died Dec. 12, were held at 2 p. m. Dec. 16 at the J. P. Dodge and Sons chapel. Cremation took place in Grants Pass.

ISAAC K. RENNER
Funeral services for Isaac K. Renner, 94, who died Dec. 16 were held at 2 p. m. Dec. 19 at the Litwiler Funeral home with the Rev. Brostrom officiating. Interment was in the IOOF addition of the Mountain View cemetery.

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